

SECTION G – TYPHOON AND HIGH WIND PREPARATION

1. OVERVIEW. On Guam, typhoons can occur any time of the year, but are much more likely to occur during the months of June through November. For the most part, the general public gets adequate warning through the National Weather Service, however, high winds and a quick forming typhoon can occur with little warning. You must always be prepared to prepare your house for typhoons and high winds at a moment's notice. As the typhoon or high wind conditions progress, tune into Marianas Cable Channel 70 or local radio stations for updates.

2. TYPHOON WARNING SYSTEMS AND CONDITIONS. Needless injury and property damage can be avoided with well-planned and coordinated efforts. The first step is to alert personnel to the impending danger. This is done with a series of typhoon condition codes referred to as **Typhoon Condition of Readiness (TCOR) 4 through 1**. Please be advised that we are under a continuous typhoon watch here on Andersen AFB. We recommend that you take the following actions to ensure you are prepared for the storm:

2.1. TCOR 4: Destructive winds (50 knots/60 mph) anticipated within 72 hours. This is the everyday condition of readiness on Guam. This is the time you should stock up on essential food items and supplies. Keep in mind that demand for supplies will increase as the storm draws near. Keep a typhoon locker fully stocked before hand

2.1.1. At a minimum, your typhoon locker should be stocked with two weeks worth of supplies. Suggested items for a typhoon locker include:

- Canned Food
- Can Opener
- Water (1-2 gal per person per day to drink)
- Propane Stove
- First Aid Kit
- Plates, cups, & paper towels
- Flashlight
- Cash
- Mop/towels
- Duct Tape

- Tool Kit
- Hygiene items
- Battery Operated Radio
- Batteries
- 550 Cord/Rope
- Medication
- Baby Supplies (formula, diapers, etc.)
- Board Games
- Books
- Pet Food

2.2. TCOR 3: Destructive winds anticipated within 48 hours. Personnel should take the following actions.

- Secure or move inside all outdoor items!
 - Pools filled with fitted cover in place and filter secure
 - Bikes, play equipment, lawn furniture bundled together with rope under car port, overhang, or tied to block walls.
 - Take down and secure canopies and support poles.
 - Trampolines: Remove safety netting, center jumping section and springs; secure inside. Flip pipe structure upside down and secure.
- Sandbag under main entrance to residence.
- Self Help Center for sandbags.
 - Initially allowed 10 per residence, more if needed
 - Personnel are responsible to fill your own sandbags.
- If you have a vehicle, fill it with gas. When power goes out, pumps are inoperative.
- Stock up on non-perishable food items, candles, lanterns, charcoal, flashlights, etc
- Check and restock medical supplies and first aid kits
- Do laundry and necessary cleaning
- Fill as many containers with water as possible
- Stay tuned to local radio stations or Channel 70 for the latest warnings and advisories
- If you have a generator, ensure it is in working order and you have extra fuel. Generators will not be used until the ALL CLEAR is given.
- Take care of your neighbors, we're all in this together.

2.3. TCOR 2: Destructive winds anticipated within 24 hours. Personnel should take the following actions.

- Continue to monitor TV and radio for weather updates
- Fill containers with water – washing machine, trashcans, bathtub, etc. This water can be used to flush your toilets after the storm
- Close and secure all shutters – Watch for Boonie Bees and other bugs!!!
- Park your car in a protected area

- Set refrigerator and freezer at coldest setting
- Pack freezer with containers of water
- Get radio and flashlights prepared
- Expectant mothers, 38 weeks and beyond will be notified by OB-GYN clinic about transportation to Naval Hospital – call your doctor if you have questions
- *All occupants must prepare for TCOR 2 prior to TDY or Leave off island or have a designated representative that will complete the tasks.*

2.4. TCOR 1: Destructive winds anticipated within 12 hours. Cease all but mission essential operations. Personnel should take the following actions.

- Place rags or towels around the bottom of doors and windows where water seepage may occur. Tape windows and door seams.
- Move valuables away from windows (TVs, stereos, computers, etc)
- Monitor TV channel 70 or radio station for further advisories
- Expect extended power outages

2.5. TCOR 1 EMERGENCY: THE STORM IS HERE, DO NOT GO OUTSIDE!

- Avoid exiting shelter during temporary “calm” of storm’s eye
- Electricity will be out be prepared
- Don’t use generators until TCOR 4 after the storm
- Call 911 for Life Threatening Emergencies
- After the winds have passed remain inside until the ALL CLEAR is given.
- Conserve water. Use water sparingly and for essential purposes only. It is possible that water service may be limited for several days or weeks. Do not waste water.

2.6. TCOR 1 RECOVERY: ONLY DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TEAMS ALLOWED OUTSIDE.

- Be prepared for cleanup operations
- You will be notified when to report to work, normally pyramid recall is initiated when TCOR 4 is reached
- Each unit has assigned areas of responsibility for cleanup

2.7. RETURN TO TCOR 4: GENERAL CLEAN-UP BEGINS.

- Use Caution – Hazards may exist
- Begin cleaning up around your residence.

- Be sure to use work gloves, boots, etc.
- Housing Residents should report damage to Housing Maintenance 366-6240
- Dorm Residents & Facility managers call damage into CE/UCC 366-5041/42
- *If it looks dangerous, DON'T GO NEAR IT!*
- Report down lines to the CE Customer Service Desk at 366-2916/2917.
- Place all debris near normal trash pick-up points, on the lawn near the sidewalk.
- Do not place debris in the street or in the gutters.